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# AEWA IMPLEMENTATION IN UGANDA

## *Successes and Challenges*

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## AEWA Institutional and Implementation model in Uganda

- Focal point office is located in the Ministry Department that oversees all Government wildlife conservation agencies, civil society, academia and private sector in wildlife conservation
- Location of focal point in apex institution enables coordination, mainstreaming and effective implementation
- Pre and Post MoP consultations to formulate national positions and implementation approach
- Mainstreaming AEWA subscriptions and activities in annual departmental budgets



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## AEWA Implementation in Uganda: *Conservation measures*


- ★ All AEWA Species are protected species as per Uganda Wildlife Act;
- ★ Deterrent penalties for wildlife and related crime
- ★ AEWA conservation issues are mainstreamed in NV, NDP through Wildlife Policy, 2014, Policy Implementation Plan, CAs GMPs and AOPs
- ★ Developed National Single Species Action Plans for flagship AEWA Species. Draft Shoebill and Grey Crowned Cranes SSAPs before Top Management
- ★ Enhanced law enforcement through integration of army and rangerforce, tourism police, Wildlife crime investigations Unit and Wildlife Intelligence Unit



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## AEWA Implementation in Uganda: *Sustainable use*

- ★ 20% of Protected Area Revenue goes back to local people around conservation areas
- ★ Avi-tourism has been prioritised as a critical economic activity sustainable utilisation of AEWA species-Guides training and equipping, promotion and marketing
- ★ Trade in AEWA listed species is banned through restriction and zero quotas
- ★ Penalties for poaching and illegal wildlife trade fundamentally enhanced under the proposed Bill now in parliament-Life imprisonment for endangered protected species eg Shoebill and Cranes





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## AEWA Implementation in Uganda: *Knowledge on species*

- ★ Partnered with Nature Uganda, an NGO to conduct annual counts of waterbirds
- ★ Introduced National Birding Day as an annual event to do bird counts for professionals and amateurs under professional guidance
- ★ Establishment of National Wildlife Research and Training Institute UWRTI







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## AEWA Implementation in Uganda: *CEPA*

- ★ Dedicated Agency for Conservation Education-UWCEC and a community conservation department at every PAs
- ★ Monthly public talks about species conservation and annual conservation lecture
- ★ Annual Big Birding Day
- ★ Annual Wildlife Marathon to commemorate World Wildlife Day
- ★ Annual Tourism Sector Review Conference for sector stakeholders
- ★ Radio and TV Programs on wildlife conservation







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## AEWA Implementation in Uganda: CEPA

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# Celebrations to mark Wildlife Day kick off with marathon

**Celebration.** The national function will be held at the Uganda Museum on Friday.

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**KAMPALA.** Different stakeholders made an early morning call to make it in time for the second edition of the World Wildlife Marathon that was flagged off at Uganda Museum grounds in Kampala.

Adults and children alike were in high spirits as they warmed up for the event in a couple of physical exercises.

Ministers of state for Tourism, Godfrey Kiwanda and for Youth and Children Affairs, Florence Nakiwala Kiyingi were present to morale boost and also launch the marathon.

The event precedes the World Wildlife Day celebrations, an internationally recognised day proclaimed by the UN General Assembly in 2013.

This year, the national function will be held at the Uganda Museum on Friday under the auspices of Uganda Wildlife Authority, a semi-autonomous government agency that conserves and manages Uganda's wildlife for the people of Uganda.

**Appreciate conservation**  
Speaking at the launch, UWA's executive director, Dr Andrew Seguya said the wildlife marathon is one

**Challenge.** A boy (left) takes part in the World Wildlife Marathon in Kampala yesterday. This year's run is premised on the theme "Listen to the young voices," the global theme to celebrate World Wildlife Day. PHOTO BY EDGAR R. BATTE

**WORLD WILDLIFE**

**About the day.** World Wildlife Day is an opportunity to celebrate the many beautiful and varied forms of wild fauna

on the theme; "Listen to the young voices," the global theme to celebrate World Wildlife Day.

In Uganda, youth have been mainstreamed in wildlife conservation by engaging them in wildlife awareness campaigns and encouraging them to

Ugandan middle-distance and long-distance runner under Team UWA. He was followed by Stephen Chebet and Alfred Kiptoyet in second and third positions respectively, and also under Team UWA.

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## AEWA Implementation in Uganda: *Challenges*

- ★ Pressure for settlement and industrial development land on wetlands which are critical habitats for waterbirds especially in urban areas
- ★ Limited financial resources to support program implementation
- ★ Inadequate personnel to have dedicated personnel for AEWA issues
- ★ Human wildlife conflicts eg crop raiding by cranes
- ★ Wetland management mandate is housed in a differently ministry and this requires close cooperation to be effective








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## AEWA Implementation in Uganda: *Lessons*

- ★ Mainstreaming of AEWA issues in National Development Policies and Plans presents high prospects for effective implementation
- ★ Pre and Post MoP National Consultations is an effective tool national implementation of AEWA
- ★ Demonstration of economic benefits eg eco-tourism presents a strong case for prioritisation of species conservation by Governments
- ★ Partnering with Civil society and private sector enhances AEWA implementation at national level

